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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States provisional

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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For value received and intending to be legally bound, we, the undersigned joint inventor(s) (Assignor(s)), sell, assign and transfer to AVENTIS PHARMACEUTICALS PRODUCTS INC. (Assignee), Route 202-206, P. O. Box 6800, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-0800, United States of America, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to our invention and any improvements thereon for all countries of the world, relating in and to the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, assigned Attorney Docket No. GC0003 and (if filed prior to the execution hereof) filed on November 29, 2000, as Serial No. 60/253,827, entitled

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we authorize and request competent authorities to grant and issue any and all patents on said invention to said assignee or its successor, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as said assignee may designate.

we agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said invention in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns, legal representatives or nominees.

we covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

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